CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for organizing and accessing online business card using virtual

    subdomain addresses over a computer network, comprising the steps of:

5   receiving from an Internetworked client computer a request with criteria for a

        group of online business cards;

    determining which virtual subdomain addresses associated with online business

        cards meet said request criteria; and

    sending a web object containing at least one virtual subdomain address associated

10   with said online business cards which meet said request criteria to said

        Internetworked client computer via a computer network.

2. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of receiving a request with

    criteria for a group of online business cards comprises receiving a completed

    Common Gateway Interface ("CGI") form containing criteria from an

15 Internetworked client computer.

3. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of determining which virtual

    subdomain addresses associated with online business cards meet said request

    criteria comprises querying a database for all records which meet said criteria.

4. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of sending a web object

20 containing at least one virtual subdomain address to said Internetworked client

    computer comprises sending a Hyper Text Markup Language ("HTML") page

containing one or more hyperlinked virtual subdomain addresses.

5.   A computer-readable medium containing program code for organizing and

accessing online business card using virtual subdomain addresses over a computer

network, said program code when executed by an Internetworked server computer

causing the Internetworked server computer to perform the steps of:

receiving from an Internetworked client computer a request with criteria for a

    group of online business cards;

determining which virtual subdomain addresses associated with online business

    cards meet said request criteria; and

sending a web object containing at least one virtual subdomain address associated

    with said online business cards which meet said request criteria to said

    Internetworked client computer via a computer network.

6.   The computer-readable medium as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said program code

for receiving a request with criteria for a group of online business cards comprises

program code for receiving a completed Common Gateway Interface ("CGI")

form containing criteria from an Internetworked client computer.

7.   The computer-readable medium as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said program code

for determining which virtual subdomain addresses associated with online

business cards meet said request criteria comprises program code for querying a

database for all records which meet said criteria.

8.   The computer-readable medium as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said program code

for sending a web object containing at least one virtual subdomain address to said

Internetworked client computer comprises program code for sending a Hyper Text

Markup Language ("HTML") page containing one or more hyperlinked virtual

subdomain addresses.

5   9.   An Internet online business card index server system for organizing and accessing

online business cards using virtual subdomain addressing comprising:

a request receiver for receiving a request with criteria from an Internetworked

client computer via a computer network;

a request handler for parsing said request and criteria and for querying a database

10   for matching records;

a response web object builder for creating a response web object containing one or

more virtual subdomains indicated by said matching records; and

a response transmitter for transmitting the response web object to said

Internetworked client computer via a computer network such that a

15   recipient may view and select a hyperlinked virtual subdomain address to

access an online business card meeting said criteria.

10.   The system as set forth in Claim 9 further comprising a Hyper Text Transfer

Protocol ("HTTP") web server.

11.   The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said request receiver is adapted to

20   received posted data and forms from an Internet browser computer.

12.   The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said request handler is adapted to parse

completed and posted Common Gateway Interface ("CGI") forms from an Internet

browser computer.

13.   The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said response web object builder is

adapted to build Hyper Text Markup Language ("HTML") pages containing

5   hyperlinked virtual subdomain addresses.

14.   The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said response transmitter is adapted to

transmit Hyper Text Markup Language ("HTML") pages containing hyperlinked

virtual subdomain addresses to an Internetworked client computer.

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